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Masanori TSUJI et al. : **Docket No. 2002\_0038A**  
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**A MOLDED PRODUCT OF ACTIVATED  
CARBON AND A METHOD FOR PRODUCTION THEREOF**

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Respectfully submitted,

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